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The attached completes filing of the above-identified patent application:

Signed Rule 63 Declaration alone OR
 Signed Declaration plus attached copy of originally filed specification/drawings.
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 Record and return the attached assignment.
 Priority is hereby claimed per Rule 55 & 35 USC119 based on prior foreign application(s) Nos.:

Application Nos.	Country	Filing Date
98870087.8	Ep	17 April 1998
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respectively.

 This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):**Application No.** **Filing Date**

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Certified copy(ies) of foreign and/or provisional application(s): attached; already filed on _____.

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The undersigned verifies that the above-identified application is identical to: PCT/EP99/02547 filed April 15, 1999, as amended on .
 Verified Statement attached establishing "small entity" status (Rules 9 & 27)
 Also attached: Preliminary Amendment, IDS, Letter, paper and computer readable copies of Sequence Listing

Fees are attached as calculated below:

Basic filing fee	\$	710.00
Total Effective claims 35 - 20 = 15 x \$ 18.00	\$	270.00
Independent claims 5 - 3 = 2 x \$ 80.00	\$	160.00
Any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$270.00 (ignore improper)	\$	0.00
FILING FEE	\$	1,140.00
Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$390.00/2 months; \$890.00/3 months; \$1390.00/4 months)	\$	0.00
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